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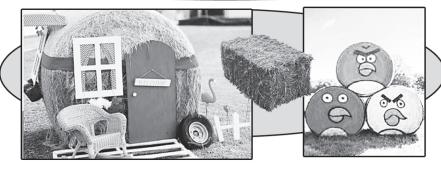
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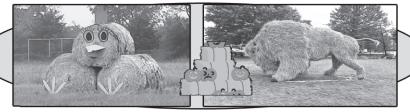


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Betty Jeanice Ferguson

Funeral services for Betty Jeanice Ferguson, age 90 of Sulphur Springs will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, October 1, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Thomas Wilson officiating. Interment will follow at Greenview Cemetery with James Wilson, Aaron Wilson, Michael Ferguson, Hayden Wilson, Mason Wilson, Ryan Ferguson and Dennis Ferguson serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearer will be Brendan Godwin. A visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m., one hour prior to service time. Betty passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at Carriage House Manor. Betty was born on October 6, 1929 in Westminster, Texas, the daughter of Elmer H. Newsom and Linnie Bell Holmes Newsom. She married Celo Dean Ferguson on August 19, 1948 in Wheeler, TX. Betty was a member of Central Baptist Church and owned and operated her beauty shop in Garland. She

is survived by her son, Louis Ferguson of Sulphur Springs, daughter, Wanda Wilson and husband Thomas of Rowlett, sister, Vernice Penny of Waxahachie, grandchildren, Amber Godwin, James Wilson and wife Trina, Aaron Wilson and wife Samantha, Michael Ferguson and wife Sandy, great-grandchildren, Alex Godwin, Brendan Godwin, Sara Ferguson, Kaitlyn Wilson, Hayden Wilson, Mason Wilson, and Ryan Ferguson, along with many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 69 years, brothers, Y. B. Newsom, Cecil Newsom and sister, Glenzell Hawkins. Social distancing and masks would be appreciated. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Travis E. Baxley

Funeral service for Travis E. Baxley, age 80, of Cumby, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Joe Charles Hall and Jason Rector officiating. Interment will follow at Cumby Cemetery with Kenneth Hines, Benny Springfield, Bill Jenkins, Lanny Rainey, Johnny Powell and Ricky Petty serving as pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearers will be Jacob Groves, Kevin Meisenheimer, Jeramy Parrish, and Jason Hudson. Visitation was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Baxley passed away Friday, September 25, 2020 at Methodist Dallas Medical Center.

Travis was born November 6, 1939 in Cumby to Connie Ray and Estelle (Romans) Baxley. He was a Christian of the Baptist faith. He married Brenda Fults on February 14, 1959 at the First Baptist Church in Cumby, Tx. Travis worked as a carpenter and was also a truck driver for ABF, ICX, and other trucking corporations. He served the town of Cumby for many years including serving

as the mayor, board member for Cumby Cemetery Association and was a member of the masonic lodge.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Baxley; mother, Estelle Baxley; daughter, Rhonda Baxley Lemon and husband David; grandchildren, Raisha Rector and husband Jason, Haley Meisenheimer and husband Kevin, Lindsey Lemon; several great grandchildren. Mr. Baxley was preceded in death by his dad, Connie Ray Baxley; son, Randy Ray Baxley and sister, Anita Moore.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



Myron Green Mitchell

Funeral service for Myron Green Mitchell, age 92, of Sulphur Springs was held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at Murray — Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Jeff Tiemeyer officiating. Interment followed at Mahoney Cemetery with Matt Mitchell, Rick Orr, Brandon Mitchell, Mitch Orr, Ryen Orr and Brenden Fink serving as pallbearers. Visitation was Monday, September 28, 2020 from 6 to 8 P. M at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home. Mr. Mitchell passed away Thursday, September 24, 2020 at Sunny Springs Nursing Home.

Myron was born November 25, 1927 in Perryville, Arkansas to William "Bill" Earl Mitchell and Agnes Lillian (Thedford) Mitchell. He married Mary Nathline Brumfield in Hopkins County on February 15, Myron was a Veteran and served in the United States Air force. After leaving the Air Force he was employed at Bell Helicopter as a mechanic during WWII, and retired as a long haul truck driver after 40 years. He was a member of the Crockett Road Church of Christ, a 32nd Mason of the Masonic Lodge in Sulphur Springs and joined Hella Shriner. Once he retired he enjoyed traveling and seeing the country with his family.

He is survived by his sons; Mike Mitchell and wife Linda of Sulphur Springs, and Marc Mitchell of Sulphur Springs, daughter; Marsha Kay Orr and husband Rickey of Sulphur Springs, grandchildren; Brandon Mitchell of Sulphur Springs, Rick Orr and wife Katy of Austin, Mindy Fink of Sulphur Springs, Mitch Orr and wife Jennifer of Pflugerville, Matt Mitchell and wife Jamie of Sulphur Springs, Great Grandchildren; Kate and Sydney Mitchell of Sulphur Springs, Olivia and Julia Orr of Austin, Brianna Wilson and husband Ryan, of Sulphur Springs, Brenden and Braxton Fink of Sulphur Springs, Ryen, Riley and Jayley Orr of Pflugerville, Kaden, Marshall and Maebry Mitchell of Sulphur Springs. Nephews; Don Voss and wife Katy of Mahoney, Tommy Mitchell of Dallas, Nieces; Pam Silva of Dallas, Debbie Burke and husband Rob, of Mahoney and Jackie Thornton of Florida, and loved by many great nieces and nephews.

Myron was preceded in death by his parents, wife Mary N. Brumfield, brothers, Aaron Mitchell and George Mitchell, sister, Louise Voss and grandson Jody Mitchell.

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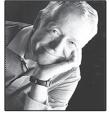
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